



TRAFFIC HAZARD? State officials deny it. The City doesn't say anything. Councilman Nick Drale looks at the grassland swamp which has angered homeowners in this North Torrance area. It can be clearly seen that the swamp now covers half of the 174th Street Highway. Residents have met deaf ears from both public

and private bodies. The subdividers contend it is not their responsibility. The City blames the State. As the buck passes back and forth, residents have no way of protecting their children against the mosquito-insect-infected grassland swamp. Press photo.

174th Street Improvement Action Gets New Demands

Second High School to Be Studied

School Board Members took under advisement this week the pressing need for a second high school.

According to Dr. J. H. Hull, Superintendent of Schools, "Torrance High School enrollment, grades 9, 10, 11, and 12, is beginning to show the effect of the increase in population. If there was no additional increase in population, and the children now in classes in Torrance Schools progress through them, the following September enrollments 1951 to 1960 are indicated:

Sept. 1951	— 1077
1952	— 1243
1953	— 1355
1954	— 1510
1955	— 1594
1956	— 1739
1957	— 1915
1958	— 2030
1959	— 2208
1960	— 2559.

Hull said, "It takes about two years to get a high school plant into use and it appears that it is now time to begin planning for the financing and development of a second high school. It is common practice to begin with 9th and 10th grades in a new plant and add the 11th and 12th on 2nd and 3rd years, so that by 1954 if we begin now, we would be able to have the beginning of a second high school in operation. It appears that these figures are conservative and that the dotted line on the graph will be a more accurate picture of future enrollments.

"It is expected that the number of pupils in the 9th and 10th grades from the areas north of 190th street will be in the neighborhood of 241 pupils in 1954 as a minimum estimate based upon current enrollment. Perhaps 300 will be more nearly the actual figure depending upon the ages of the children of parents moving into the district."

At the present time consideration is being given to the idea that September 1954 is the most appropriate date for beginning the use of facilities in a second high school.

State Gets Low Bid on Freeway

Lowest bidder on three downtown bridges which will operate the Harbor Freeway from 7th, 8th and 9th Streets was Oberg Brothers Construction Company, the State Highway Engineers Office in Los Angeles disclosed today. The bid was for \$1,160,099.80 and needs to be approved by Sacramento before it becomes official.

Aldrich Given Blame For Western Ave. Ills

Taxpayers in this area who haven't been too happy over the crazy-quilt patching of Western Ave. in 203 places by the City of Los Angeles were in for an even greater shock today.

In an exclusive interview the Torrance Press learned that if contracts for paving the year-old highway from Pacific Coast Highway to 182nd street had been let during the summer instead of the winner, a great deal of the expensive patch-work would be unnecessary. This information was disclosed by a member of the Bureau of Inspection in Los Angeles.

The spokesman said: "If contracts had been let in May or June, the work could have been completed before the rainy season began."

He pointed out that instead the

Due to a lack of drainage, a grassland swamp has been in existence in the North Torrance area bounded by 174th Street and Crenshaw for the past year. Although angry homeowners have practically been driven out of their homes by the swamp stench and the jungle that it has created, the residents alleged this week that they have been unable to get any action from the State, City, or the subdividers of the area.

"We're getting nothing but double-talk," one resident of the area declared.

The resident was expressing the sentiments of a large number of homeowners in the area. Councilman Nick Drale made a tour of inspection of the area but admitted that he could do nothing by himself.

The swampland is not only jeopardizing the North Torrance area but also neighboring districts, residents reported. It is mosquito and insect infested. Prior to the establishment of the 174th Street tract, there was no swampland in the area, according to Paul Harris, assistant maintenance engineer for the State of California. However, February 6, 1950, the Torrance City Council called a special ten minute meeting at which time subdividers were

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Supervisors Continue Death Trap

Bixby Slough near Wilmington which has claimed the lives of at least ten children from the Torrance area will continue to be a menace to this district.

This week the Board of Supervisors in Los Angeles turned down a proposal to eliminate the Slough by a 4 to 1 vote. Supervisor Raymond Darby presented the proposal to the County Legislative Body.

Had it been approved, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District would have given financial assistance to the tune of \$100,000 toward an \$850,000 improvement program for the Slough area.

Under the Darby proposal, the flood district would have cooperated with the city of Los Angeles in a general program of regulating and disposal of flood waters pouring into Bixby Slough from a 25 square mile drainage area of Gardena Valley and NE slopes of Palos Verdes.

In turning the proposition down, four supervisors on the board contended that the Bixby Slough could not be considered top flood control priority.

They further pointed out that \$100,000 would be twelve and one-half to 15 per cent of all the flood control money. The Supervisors said that since this was a police problem rather than a flood control problem, the money could not be used in this manner.

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New High in Circulation For Press

Circulation of the Torrance Press hits an all time high of 13,500 with this issue.

In order to serve its readers and advertisers adequately, this increase has become necessary. Torrance, North Torrance, South Torrance, Lomita and surrounding areas within our coverage have been growing by leaps and bounds.

As the Press continues to grow in circulation, its vigilant policy goes on. This newspaper believes that news coverage which hits the nerve center of a community is essential to a growing area. As the Press and the community continue to grow together, we will at all times be forthright, honest and dedicated to community service.

Koreo Soldier Given Honors

Koreo veteran Private Marvin C. Looser, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Looser of 317 E. 220th St., Torrance, is serving with a heavy mortar company. It is the famed 21st "Gimlet" Infantry Regiment of the 24th Infantry Division.

Private Looser arrived in Korea last August 17. He was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and Korean Campaign Ribbon with one battle star.

Before entering the service Looser attended Banning High School.

Only Three Days Left On Television Drawing

Only three days left to register for the beautiful television set to be given away this weekend by Lawson's Jewelers, according to A. Robinson, vice-president of the firm. Located at 1317 El Prado avenue, Lawson's is celebrating their first anniversary in Torrance this month.

In honor of the event, and in thanks to the many friends and customers Robinson announced that the celebration will be climaxed with the giving away of a beautiful television set, winner to be chosen at a drawing held at 9 p.m. Saturday evening in front of the store. "So come on down and register" said Robinson. "There will be no obligation."

Manager of the store is Marc La Baron, with Hal Massie in charge of watch repair.

Mrs. A. Robinson, in charge of the office, is assisted by Nellie Logering.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, who reside at 1417 Post avenue, are very active in civic affairs here. Robinson is a life member of the Masonic lodge, a member of the Lions Club and of the Moose Lodge.

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County to Build Sewer Line Here

North Torrance residents today were looking forward to Nov. 14 and to be exact 2 p.m. of that date at which time bids will be closed on a sewer system to be constructed in the vicinity of 170th street and Crenshaw Blvd. Bids will open Nov. 1, according to the County Sanitation District.

Bike Stolen

Howard Tuttle reports that his brand new Higgins bike was stolen last Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in an alley between Cabrillo and Andreo near Plaza del Amo. Any information leading to the recovery will be appreciated. Call Torrance 1185.



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'PAY-AS-YOU-GO' WATER PROGRAM URGED BY DRALE

Alondra Park Gains Told to City Council

O. Z. Drale of North Torrance, father of Councilman Nick Drale spoke at Torrance City Council meeting Tuesday night to request annexation of Alondra Park to Torrance. He said it must be done diplomatically. He said there is terrific opposition and competition for Alondra Park.

He pointed to the benefits Torrance would gain. "El Camino College would be a valuable asset as well as a prestige builder for Torrance," Drale said. "There is a 15-acre playground, a beautiful golf course. There are 320 acres of land improvements in the park worth \$100,000."

Drale said that since Torrance had been contemplating the buying of a swimming pool and playground, the annexation of Alondra would make this unnecessary and at the same time save local taxpayers thousands of dollars.

WHITE SUPPORTS PLAN

Jack White, president of the North Torrance Civic and Improvement Association, also pleaded with the Council to make every effort to annex Alondra Park. He admitted that the annexation would probably meet strong opposition in one part of Torrance but that North Torrance would give the drive its fullest support.

White also told the Council that the North Torrance Civic and Improvement Association had passed a resolution requesting the Council to take immediate action toward the annexation of Alondra Park.

Mayor Bob Haggard in passing commented that the facilities in Alondra Park are just as free to Torrance residents now as they would be if this area was annexed. He asked White if this wasn't true.

White admitted that Haggard was right but pointed out that the annexation would bring more valuable taxation areas into Torrance.

Survey Shows Water Supply Satisfactory

At the regular meeting of the Torrance Municipal Water Department, A. E. McVicar, acting Water Department Superintendent reported receipt of a sanitary survey report from the Department of Public Health, indicating that the Water supply is satisfactory.

Report indicated that the system was well-operated, the bacteriological record good and commended the department for the improvements which have been made in the water system and for the measures contemplated toward consolidation.

McVicar also requested authorization to hire Shird D. Kelton, Jr., who was formerly employed by the Water Department and had made application to the Civil Service Board for reinstatement as a laborer at a salary of \$214 per month, effective September 18, 1941.

Authorization was also granted by members of the Torrance City Council for the purchase of material totaling \$7,613.91.

Pauls Chevrolet Awarded Bid

Pauls Chevrolet, 1640 Cabrillo Ave., Torrance, was awarded the contract for the purchase of a 21 passenger bus to be used in the outlying districts in lieu of the heavy 45 passenger busses used at the present time.

Bid awarded, amounted to \$3,951 total price, which included extras needed, and sales tax.

PARENTS DEMAND BUSESSES

Parental pressure at the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday night appeared to be responsible for the reestablishment of partial bus service in the North Torrance and Kettler Knolls areas.

After sixty parents appeared at this week's board meeting complaining that the welfare of youngsters was threatened by the elimination of bus service, Dr. J. H. Hull, Superintendent of Schools released the following statement:

"We will try to go ahead in the North Torrance area by reinstating the bus service if too many people do not move in. When we get a bus which will be released by the building of the new Rivera School, we may be able to continue it.

"In the Kettler Knolls area, we will try to carry all kindergarten children through the third grade from boundaries in which we transported the children last year. We will take all the older children off from the area inside the mile and a half radius.

"A survey will be made to find out if this will lighten the load. Also we will take home several kindergarten children if we can get their names and issue them tickets so that they can be taken across Sepulveda on the way home.

"A representative of the 203rd Street area was asked to come to the Board meeting next Tuesday to get an answer to the Fern Street School problem."

Over 60 residents from the Kettler Knolls and North Torrance areas appeared before the Board of Education this week to complain about the elimination of bus service for their elementary school children.

The Board ran bus service for two weeks in these areas and then abandoned the lines without any notice, according to residents of the districts.

Complaints by residents were that little children in these areas had to travel just short of a mile and a half to school through heavily traveled roads, cross railroad tracks, oil sumps and encounter flooded areas during the rainy season, and down roads with no sidewalks.

The parents pointed out to the Board that many of the children were of kindergarten and the lower grade age.

Board members said that they would take the matter under advisement. The opinion of Board members was that there are no funds and no busses to keep the transportation system going in Kettler Knolls and North Torrance, at the present time.

Good Neighbor Breakfast is Scheduled

The Annual Good Neighbor Breakfast sponsored by the Torrance branch of the YMCA has been scheduled for November 17, between 5 a.m. and 2 p.m., according to a letter from R. I. Plomert Jr., chairman of the event, to Torrance City Council this week.

Purpose of the breakfast, according to Plomert, is to establish good neighborliness among the residents and merchants of Torrance, and to further community friendship.

The event is open to the public, and all proceeds will be used toward YMCA activities.



OSAMU TAMURA

Veteran Dies in Korea

Among the Korean casualties reported by the Department of Defense this week was the name of Pvt. Osamu Tamura, 21. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Inayoshi Tamura, 3925 West 182nd Street. He is survived by three brothers and four sisters.

Tamura, a former student at Redondo Union High, had been overseas since July 14. He was inducted into the army Feb. 19.

The body of Tamura will be returned to this country according to an answer to a request put in by the parents. Tamura was killed Sept. 9.

In addition to his parents he leaves two brothers, Kunima and Joe, both veterans of World War II combat with the 42nd division, another brother Suedo and four sisters, Terry, Yuki, Ami and Nobuko.

Joe Tamura received a Purple Heart for wounds suffered in World War II.

McMahan Enters Contest

McMahan Furniture store, of Torrance, will be one of thousands of appliance dealers participating in a nation-wide \$2,000,000 "American Way of Life" Contest. McMahan Furniture store, has announced.

The contest is to be conducted by the Crosley Division, Avco Manufacturing Corporation, and its distributors and dealers throughout the country from October 1 through December 1, 1951. It will feature large cash and merchandise gifts to individual winners, as well as over \$500,000 in cash to be given to churches and recognized charities all over the country.

Charles Markland, manager of McMahan, described the contest (Continued on Page Three)

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Council Adopts Bond Resolution

Despite demands for a "pay-as-you-go" expansion of the Torrance water system, and in face of marked lack of interest by the community, the Council Tuesday night unanimously adopted a resolution accepting plans and specifications for the new system, and the ordinance setting January 8, 1951, as the date for the election on the \$2,000,000 water bond issue.

The money will be needed, it is pointed out, to extend Torrance water system to care for present and future growth. Facilities for reserve water are lacking, and new trunk line and reservoirs will be provided in the bond issue.

The same election will provide for the consolidation of the three local municipal water districts into one district. They are Municipal Improvement District No. 1, in central Torrance; Municipal Water District No. 12, in Southwest Torrance, and Municipal Water District No. 2, in North Torrance.

Although Councilman Nick Drale voted for the resolution, he requested answers to several questions which he said local citizens had been asking him.

PAY AS YOU GO

"Since the water department made money last year and the rates are being raised, why can't the increased rates be used to finance a 'pay as you go' operation," Drale asked.

City Manager George Stevens replied that the need is present now, not ten years from now. "We can't build it piecemeal," he declared.

Mayor Bob Haggard asked William Stanger, former water superintendent, who was present, "Would you make any statement on the water bond issue? You know more about the water department than anyone else."

REFUSES COMMENT

Stanger replied: "I'd rather not."

Drale asked: "Can't we through an increase in rates go into different projects and give people the benefit on the cost of the water rather than giving the benefit to the bonding company?"

Stevens replied: "We couldn't get enough money immediately to take care of present need. While it is true that some work could be done in the outlying district, it would not add to the total system. Besides there will be an open hearing where all of this will be discussed."

Walteria Man Dies in Korea

According to word received last weekend, Private First Class Ralph Breitfeld, 22, son of Fred Breitfeld of 24239 Hawthorne Blvd., Walteria, died of wounds sustained in Korea during combat. He was hurt on Sept. 14 and died five days later, it was indicated.

Besides his parents, he is survived by a sister, Connie. He is a graduate of Narbonne High School.

Drale Gets Action on Oil Dump

Verbal complaints by residents of Pacific Hills at the Council meeting this week regarding the oil sump dump proved to be effective. The sump dump owned by J. T. Roseman of Long Beach was called a hazard to the water supply of the area by one homeowner.

Councilman Nick Drale introduced a resolution to find out if the sump dump owner had a license to operate it. The Council which in the past has said that they could do nothing about the dump passed the resolution unanimously.

Prior to the motion Mayor Bob Haggard said that he could see no solution to the problem. "We've been after the oil men to clean up the sumps in Torrance. Where will they put the oil?" he asked. "Besides, I think there is a gate."

City Engineer Jacob Joseph had to correct Haggard regarding the gate. "There's no gate," said Joseph. "The road is open, but the trucks are not loaded to capacity and travel very carefully."

Residents Complain About Pit

It became evident this week that the Veterans Administration may be the only recourse against the operation of the Torrance Sand and Gravel Company pits in the rear of Pacific Hills homes. An oversight on the part of the City Planning Commission in registering complaints from inhabitants of the area on the variance, may be the deciding factor.

Angry homeowners from Pacific Hills appeared at the Council meeting this week to protest the noise from a gravel pit in the area. Although several residents voiced their resentment, the Council took no action.

One resident wanted to know if a gravel pit is considered light or heavy manufacturing. She complained that it seemed to her the Council was not looking out for the little man by permitting the pit to operate.

Wm. Cameron of Pacific Hills (Continued on Page Three)

Brooms for Blind Project Progressing

"Brooms for the Blind" campaign slated for October 19 are progressing satisfactorily to Committee members this week.

Sponsored each year by the Torrance Lions Club, brooms are bought from blind people with proceeds going toward the purchase of glasses for those who cannot afford to purchase their own.

With the \$300 proceeds of last year's sale, the Lions purchased glasses for 27 Torrance children who needed them and whose parents were unable to buy the glasses.

Headed by Dr. R. R. Smith, the "Brooms for the Blind" committee includes Alan Klatzker, Pete Radtsch, Milt Isbell, Roy Peterson, and Louis Arbetter. All Lions will participate in the sale as well as the Lioness women.



RUG RIOT—A four million dollar rug sale offered by Universal Furniture Store on Sartori Ave., caused a small riot last Friday morning when crowds gathered before the opening of the store. Police officer pictured at the left kept the group in orderly line until the doors could be opened. Harry Oster, owner of the store reported that he was completely sold out by Friday evening. Sale was exclusively advertised by the Torrance Press. Presfoto.